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July 17th, 1917

Professor I. H. Cameron,

307 Shertourne Street,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Cameron:

Will you te kind enough to write to the Bursar giving the Dean authority again this year during your absence to administer the funds that have been set apart for the Department of Surgery? There are some necessary expenditures.

Would it te too much trouble for you to notify the Dean also that you are doing this ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Professor of Surgery & Clinical Surgery

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St Peters & St Hyacinthus

607, SHERBOURNE STREET,
TORONTO. 11.IX:17.

Dear Mr President

I am sorry to trouble you with a written communication when a verbal one would have done as well, if not better, this afternoon, had not ἡ ἐγχείρησις been lacking.

I should have told you

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September 12th, 1917

Professor I. F. Cameron,

307 Sherbourne Street, Toronto.

Dear Colonel Cameron:

I am very sorry to know that Dr. Malcolm M. V. Cameron has been laid up and I hope that the results of the operation will be thoroughly favourable. I shall make inquiries about him. Meantime, accept my thanks for your trouble in letting me know.

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 9th, 1917

Professor I. H. Cameron,

307 Sherbourne Street, Toronto.

My dear Professor Cameron:

I intended to speak to you on Friday night after the meeting of the Faculty of Medicine, but you got away before I had a chance of doing so. I am very sorry that there is so much apparent ignorance of the courtesies of life displayed by some undergraduates, and I hardly know how to counteract these habits. If they were widespread we might endeavour to take some general action, but I hope that the experience you had is comparatively rare. That student may have been a student of Economics or some Arts subject, because there are other than medical students in the Medical Building. If you were sure that it was done by a medical student we could take steps through the Dean to have attention drawn to the matter.

I have to thank you also for the clipping that Mrs. Blackwood sent you from Ottawa with regard to McGill. Though McGill has done very well I think we hold our own when you consider that as over against their 2500 we have sent over 4100 graduates and undergraduates to the front.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Barrow

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307 Sherbourne St., Toronto.

10th December, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dean & Superintendent,-

Adverting to our conversation of three days ago, I would like to place on record the fact that in the arrangement regarding the admission of Military patients to "my" Wards (as Professor of Surgery in the University of Toronto) I was not consulted or made a party thereto. My Colleagues, therefore, could not find therein any occasion of complaint or feeling of soreness. The first intimation I had of the matter was when you spoke to me of it as a fait accompli a few days ago.

Moreover, I desire to protest against any abatement or infraction of my rights in the Hospital Service, and demand a due, proper and equitable rotation in the admission of Public Ward Patients to the University Service. As I understand the matter (I am free to admit that my comprehension of it from lack of knowledge and information, is very hazy and indefinite) I have no relation whatever to these Military Patients, either in the way of Professional Service or Military responsibility, any more than I had when they - or their like - were being treated outside or in Military Hospitals by my Colleagues Major Shuttleworth and Captains Wright or Mabee. The fact that Captains

Shenstone and Gaby (my immediate Associates in the University Service) have now been militarily assigned to that duty, or a part thereof, makes no difference to me as the University Professor as all (5) the gentlemen named stamd in the same relation to the Professor of Surgery. I have had no knowledge or priority in the Military arrangements; but as I understand my duty on the Board of Consultants I am bound to act as a Consultant to any or all of these Officers when desired. The fact that in one of my Ward Divisions of ~~Unity~~ thirty two or three beds have been taken for the accommodation of the soldiers is not objectionable to me so long as the University Service can afford the room; but should it become crowded at any time I should expect beds to be taken from the other Services to relieve that pressure adequately. The further fact that half the beds assigned to the Military Service are placed on the Medical side of the Hospital obviates any risk of the patriotic spirit and generosity of the other Surgical Services of the Hospital being overtaxed or imposed upon. I have not had any intimation from the Miltary Authorities as to why my two immediate Associates in the Wards have been selected for this Military duty, but assume that it has been upon the ground not only of efficiency but because of the generally accepted view (in which I do not wholly concur) enforced or reinforced by public sentiment, that overseas men should have the preference in all appointments.

I do not expect this Military duty to interfere in any way with the performance of the University duties of Captains Shenstone and Gaby, any more than in the case of Major Shuttleworth and Captain Wright, but should their time be overtaxed we have in the University Wards Dr. Cleland in addition, upon whom more work might be laid, and, besides, I feel myself quite at liberty and disposed to call upon Major Shuttleworth and Captains Wright and Mabee or any other of my Surgical Colleagues in the University to come to my assistance, and I know that I shall not look to any of them in vain.

Faithfully and obediently yours,

I.H. Cameron.

Professor of Surgery U. of T.

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to the President and with his permission and yours, ~~just~~ first had and obtained, I should like to send one to General Fotheringham in order that my attitude, in my dual position, may be clear and defined.

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December 11th., 1917

M. C. Cameron, Esq.,

Messrs. Blake, Lash, Anglin and Cassels,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

I have just received your letter enclosing a copy of one from your father to the Superintendent of the Hospital. I shall take the matter up at once with the Dean.

I know no reason why a copy of it should not be sent by your father to General Fotheringham.

Yours sincerely,

President.

would be entirely foreign to my
view of the character of the post of
Professor of Surgery, and so I do
not think you would propose it.
The Professorship of Surgery without
a Clinical appointment would
be much more a matter of ornament
than of utility, and may like a bird
with one wing.

I assume therefore, that Your
proposal was that Primrose should
be an additional Professor of
Clinical Surgery, synergetic with
me. In America it is the practice
to have as many Clinical Professorships
in both Medicine & Surgery as seems
convenient and conformable to ci-

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My dear Pfeiffer,

Meeting of the Corporation of
the Connecticut Agricultural College,
and Connected Mechanic Arts,
Storrs, Conn.

It occurs to me that it would
be well for me to be there
and I should like very much
to do so - but I am afraid
I cannot - you had mentioned
the date, I think, [illegible]
[illegible]

circumstances; and in Edinburgh and Liverpool both the Professor of Surgery and the Professor of Clinical Surgery have Hospital beds. I have not a late Edinburgh Calendar at hand but I have Liverpool that the Chair of Surgery is a Crown appointment and that of Clinical Surgery vested in the University Court.

I think however that you are well aware that any divorce between the Chair of Surgery and its Clinical illustration would necessarily meet with very serious opposition.

I am delighted at the prospect of Mr Moore's recognition and promotion.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully & obediently

A. H. Cameron

P.S. Since you happened to own a copy the enclosed from Lord Curzon's "Warpoems and other Translations".

Ilen Angvie Reddition

I ar that to the wing once thy sight wast wing
In the East, on high,
Now that life has fled, lightest thou the dead
From the Western Sky.

Curzon.

"Phosphor, who erstwhile o'er the living shed there
Eastern beam,
Hesperus, now, with sunset face over Ocean's stream
Winningly lightest the ghosts that waste to
"the Gleam"

Ἕσπερε, πάντα φέρων ὅσα φαίνολις ἠὼς σκίδνησιν
Ἕρχεαι ἀρνειὸν δ' ἄρχεαι ἐρχόμενος
Ἕσπερος.

Plato.

Ἕσπερε, πάντα φέρων ὅσα φαίνολις ἠὼς σκίδνησιν
ἔρχεαι, ἄγνα φέρων ἔρχεαι αἰθόμενον πῦρ
ἀστράσι μαρμαίροντα φλογώδεα πάντα φαεινόν.

Ἑωσφόρε, πρὶν μὲν ἔλαμπες ἐνὶ ζωοῖσιν Ἕωος·
νῦν δὲ θανὼν λάμπεις Ἕσπερος ἐν φθιμένοις

Plato.

~~Phosphor~~ Lucifer, who erst indeed with Matin ray
Didst the upward slope of life illume,
Past the Vesper realms of declining day
Now ightest the Shades in the tomb.

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Sir Robert Falconer, LL.D., K.C.M.G.,
President of the University,
Queen's Park,
Toronto.

April 15th, 1918

Private.

Colonel L. H. Cameron,

307 Sherbourne Street,

Toronto.

My dear Professor Cameron:

I had overlooked the fact that your title is Professor of Surgery and of Clinical Surgery and I did not think in making the suggestion that I was taking away from you any rights by proposing that Dr. Primrose should be made Professor of Clinical Surgery. I do not see why there should be any change in your title even though Professor Primrose is appointed to the position, and as Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery you will of course have the right to the use of whatever material you require for your clinical instruction in Surgery. My idea was that Professor Primrose being appointed Professor of Clinical Surgery would undertake to organise the work of Clinical Surgery in the Hospitals apart from anything that you might do. As you know owing to the absence of so many men and the changes that have been introduced since the war there is special need of one like him to organise and direct this work. I should hope that there would be no difficulty in having such an arrangement as proposed carried out without taking anything from the dignity of the position which you now hold.

I constantly am astonished at the versatilit

and living interest in the classics. The selections that you send me are very neatly turned. Few, however, now are able to write Greek or Latin verse, and as for myself I never had that accomplishment, though the quantity of English prose from all sorts and conditions of authors that I have turned into shocking Greek consumed many and many an hour.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

P.S. I should not think of having any other Professor of Clinical Surgery appointed besides Professor Primrose for he ought to have authority which would be divided were others to be appointed along with him.

April 20th, 1916

Colonel I. H. Cameron,

Ottawa.

My dear Colonel Cameron:

I have to thank you for your letter which I am sending to the Secretary of the Medical Faculty and asking them to take action as a Faculty with regard to it.

Yours sincerely,

President.